

# A LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER



For decades, the United States has been welcoming Indian students, teachers and researchers to enrich, and be enriched by, America's universities and colleges. Many of these exchanges are subsidized by the educational institutions themselves or by U.S. government funding, through fellowships, scholarships and other programs. For the past four years, India has surpassed all other countries in the number of students it sends to the United States; 80,466 enrolled for the 2004-05 academic year. American students are coming to India, too, to learn about the history, culture, economics and political system, as well as to gain from cooperating in top-level science, engineering and agricultural research. More than in the past, these students come speaking Hindi and other Indian languages, or they come to learn them. President George W. Bush has encouraged this, funding an initiative that includes Hindi and Urdu among the strategically important languages for American students to learn as our countries grow closer and young people of both nations grow up to become global citizens. Also, universities are linking up to share professors—in person and virtually—recognize each other's courses and someday, perhaps, issue joint degrees. The mutual desire of our two peoples for quality education serves as a foundation for more cooperation in other fields. In this special issue we have focused on higher education in response to requests from hundreds of readers. Many of the articles carry Internet links to help you find additional information. This is a new feature aimed at making SPAN more useful to you; and we provide even more links on our Web site, so we hope you will visit us there.

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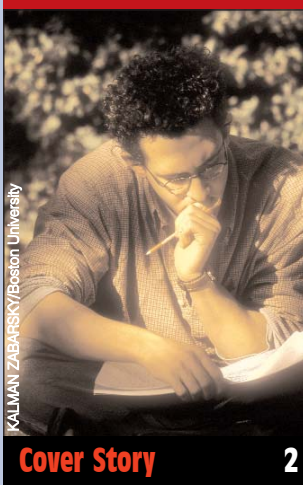
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